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STEPHEN C. ROBINSON
U.S.D.J.

November 20, 2007

The Honorable Stephen C. Robinson United States District Court Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601-4150

Re: Boynton v. Occupations, Inc., et al.

Case No.: 07 CV 8521 (SCR)

Dear Judge Robinson:

We represent plaintiff Ann Boynton in the above-referenced action, which seeks damages in relation to an alleged wrongful denial of long-term disability benefits under a plan controlled by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). We write in reference to Your Honor's instruction to submit a proposed discovery plan and scheduling order by November 26.

Like all ERISA "benefits due" cases, this case will <u>not</u> be tried to a jury, and none of the parties presently sees any need to join additional parties or amend the pleadings. Also, because this is an ERISA case, it is anticipated that discovery will be limited. Accordingly, in lieu of submitting a detailed plan, the parties request that a deadline of March 14, 2008 -- the date of our initial case management conference with Your Honor -- be set for all discovery.

Additionally, in an effort to streamline the case, the parties have negotiated a stipulation pursuant to which defendant Occupations, Inc. is to be dismissed without prejudice. The original stipulation, signed by counsel for all parties, is enclosed.

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APPLICATION GRANTED

HON. STEPHEN C. ROBINSON

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Respectfully submitted,

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